

**\*\*RELEASE AUTHORIZATION\*\***

In consideration of being permitted into the 2024 Stoddard-Bergen Fire Department Foundation Big Walleye Tournament, I, for myself, my representatives, heirs, and next of kin, hereby release, waive, and discharge the Stoddard-Bergen Fire Department Foundation and any of its officers, members, committee persons, or representatives for any loss or damages and any claim or damage, therefore, on account of injury to my property or my person, including death, whether caused by the negligent acts or negligent omissions to act or otherwise by any or all of the above, while I am participating in the Stoddard-Bergen Fire Department Foundation Big Walleye Tournament.

**THE STODDARD-BERGEN FIRE DEPARTMENT FOUNDATION AND SPONSORS SHALL NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS THAT OCCUR DURING THE TOURNAMENT.**

I have carefully read the foregoing release and rules of the tournament, know and understand the content thereof, and signed this release voluntarily.

Upon signing you are releasing the use of your name or pictures for future promotions.

**\*\*NO REFUNDS\*\***

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature and Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
(If under 18) Parent or Legal Guardian Signature and Date



**Is There a Fire in YOU??**  
**Answer the call!**  
**Find out how YOU can Volunteer!**  
Call: 608.457.2118 or  
E-Mail [sbfd@mwt.net](mailto:sbfd@mwt.net)  
Today to join our team!



**Is running into a burning building or medical, not your thing??**  
**Not a Problem!!**

You can still help and protect your community by joining the **Stoddard-Bergen Fire Department Foundation**. The SBFD supports the SBFD by putting together fundraisers and other fire department-related events.  
(See contact info above)

**We Are Going Digital!**  
Next year our goal is to increase our number of online Entrants. Please scan the QR Code to the right to register online and for more event info!



**2024**  
**35<sup>th</sup> Annual**

On-Line Registration Now Available  
**Weight-in Ends at 3:00 PM**

Stoddard-Bergen Fire Department Foundation



**BIG WALLEYE TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER**

Saturday, April 27, 2024

**The Tournament festivities will be held at Stoddard Park. Raffles, Food, Refreshments, and Fun!**

Friday Night 4/26 from 4 PM to 8 PM  
Saturday 4/27 from 12 PM to 8 PM  
**Fishing is from 7 AM TO 3 PM**

Please watch for Friday and Saturday Event updates via our Facebook Page "Stoddard Bergen Fire Department".

**For more information:**  
**(480) 233-2883 Steve Cibulka**  
<http://stoddardbergenfd.com>  
**Online registration is available here**

# SBFDF BIG WALLEYE TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE Print Clearly

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Make Checks to: SBFDF Foundation  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ PO Box 281  
Stoddard, WI 54658

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: (Required) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Division and Amount Enclosed (No Refunds): (Circle one) JUNIOR + Mystery Fish (13 and Younger) - \$30 ADULT + Mystery Fish (14 and older) - \$40

Next year we will move to all online entries. Please check this box if you still want a paper registration form mailed to you-

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Leagal Guardian Signature (If under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Don't forget to sign the release on the reverse side!- Note: All fish must be transported by boat to weigh-in locations- See Rules 4, 14, & 16. - No entry Drop Offs - NO REFUNDS - U.S. Mail or Online Registration - Remember to read the Major Rule Changes Insert and sign the reverse side!**

**YES**, I wish to participate in the **2024 35<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL STODDARD-BERGEN FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FOUNDATION BIG WALLEYE TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER**. I have read and will abide by the rules of the tournament and will adhere to all laws and have good sportsmanship. I also permit the use of my name and/or photographs of me for the future promotion of this tournament by the Stoddard-Bergen Fire Department and Foundation. **"NO REFUNDS"**

## Fees and Registration

- Persons fishing in the **ADULT** division must pay a **\$40 Entry Fee**.
- Persons aged **13 and UNDER** fishing in the JUNIOR division must pay a **\$30 Entry Fee**.
- NO REFUNDS**
- The **mystery fish drawing includes all adult and junior entries**.
- There will be two **EARLY BIRD DRAWINGS** of **\$50** each for two applicants whose entries are received on or before **SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024**.
- There will be unlimited entries with PAYOUT to the TOP 40 PLACES, including trophies to the top three finishers in the **ADULT** division.
- Payout is 80% and will be determined by the number of entries minus tournament fees and expenses.
- Prizes (only) will be awarded to the top three in the **JUNIOR** division.
- Entries shall be addressed to the **STODDARD-BERGEN FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FOUNDATION, PO BOX 281, STODDARD, WI 54658**. Please indicate **ATTN: TOURNAMENT ENTRY** near the bottom of the envelope.

## Rules and Regulations

- Fish must be alive and in good condition. Dead fish will not be weighed in. Fish to be weighed in must be placed in a fish bag available at the weigh-in landings. One fish per bag with water. Participants must register their own fish.
- Pool 9 regulations have a protected slot limit of 20-27 inches for Walleye. Walleyes within the slot limit are to be released immediately. No fish 20-27 inches long from Pool 9 will be weighed. **ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS**.
- All fish are subject to complete inspection by tournament officials, and their DECISION IS FINAL! Registered fish will be RELEASED by SBFDF-appointed personnel only.
- Weigh-in will be located at the **municipal landing, 1700 Marcou Dr, La Crosse (Pool 8-La Crosse), Stoddard Public Landing (Pool 8-Stoddard), and the Dairyland Landing (Pool 9-Genoa). Pool 7 fishers will have to lock through Dam #7 (507-895-2170) to register a fish at the Municipal Landing stated above.**
- Scales are open at 9 AM. Fish are eligible and will be weighed if you are in the weigh-in line at 3 PM SHARP. A spotter will mark the last eligible boat. **You must weigh fish at the scales via boat in the water.**
- Winning fish are determined by weight, length, and time fish is weighed.
- To be an eligible participant, entries must be postmarked by **Saturday, April 20th, 2024. Online registration ends at Midnight on April 20, 2024.**
- No hand-delivered entries or drop-offs will be accepted.**
- One fish per entrant in payout. You are allowed to register up to your daily bag limit of 15" Walleye, 15" Sauger, or 15" Saugeye. You must keep your copy of the weigh-in slip to be turned in for the top 40 payouts and to claim your prize.
- No hand-line fishing allowed. Must use a rod, line, and hook. Both artificial and live bait are allowed.

- Entrants aged 13 and under will automatically be fishing in the Junior Division.
- Both Junior and Adult division entrants must catch and register their own fish and must provide identification. Trading, swapping, or catching anyone else's fish for registration is not allowed.
- Those fishing in this tournament may not have any non-participants in the boat at any time during the hours of 6 AM to 3 PM on the day of the tournament. Fishing time starts at 7 AM.
- The fishable waters of the Mississippi River for this tournament are, **Pools 7, 8, and 9 ONLY**.
- Participants are not allowed to fish, occupy, or otherwise attempt to fish any water after 7 PM, the day before the tournament.
- Participants must fish from a boat that is launched at a WI-approved landing site. NO Iowa or Minnesota Landings are permitted. NO shore, dock, or float fishing is allowed. Legal transport of any fish for weigh-in is by boat only.
- YOU ARE REQUIRED TO LAUNCH YOUR BOAT FROM A WI PUBLIC BOAT LANDING IN POOLS 7, 8, OR 9. NO EARLIER THAN 6 AM AND YOU MUST STAY IN SIGHT OF THE LANDING UNTIL 7 AM (Legal fishing time).**
- Participants are allowed to launch ONE hour before the start of the tournament - no earlier - no exceptions. You are required to launch your boat from a WI public boat landing to facilitate inspection of your craft by tourney officials before departure. Any launch fees must be paid. After launching your boat, you must stay within sight of the landing until 7 AM.
- Officials reserve the right to check/observe participants before and on the day of the tournament for compliance with rules. Credible evidence indicating violations of these rules or DNR regulations, or boat launch fees can result in forfeiture or prizes and disqualification from this event.
- It is required that all participants display a blaze orange colored ribbon. The ribbon is to be tied to the upper portion of the body, arm, hat, and/or front or back of the boat. The ribbon must be visible in all directions from the hours of 6 AM to 3 PM on the day of the tournament. Ribbons will be available to all participants free of charge at the following businesses: Tuna's Bar - Genoa, Stoddard Village Hall, Thirsty Turtle - Stoddard, and ACE of La Crosse.
- There will be spotters located throughout the tournament waters. **We remind participants to abide by the rules to assure honesty, fairness, and above all, sportsmanship. Failure to comply with state DNR regulations and/or these tournament rules will result in the forfeiture of any prize as well as future participation.**
- NO CARRY-INS** will be allowed at this event. **Remember this is a FUNDRAISER!**
- CANCELLATION POLICY: NO REFUNDS.** In the case of high water, landing closures, unsafe water conditions, and at the discretion of the SBFDF Walleye Committee, the fishing portion of the tournament will transition to the "High Water Shindig" at a location TBD. Please check our Facebook page for all Tournament updates.
- TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS' DECISIONS ARE FINAL!**

